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Harford County Community Mediation Program Seeks Volunteer Mediators

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Community Mediation Program in the Harford County Department of Community Services needs Volunteer Mediators to provide alternative dispute resolution services. Volunteer mediators receive 45 hours of Basic Mediation training and 5 hours of follow-up for free. Volunteers can be age 13 and up. *In order to receive the free training, a person must make a commitment to attend all of the training, complete an apprenticeship program and donate 36 hours of volunteer time.*

The program requires an application process; limited training slots are available and priority is given to those looking for a long-term volunteer opportunity. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer mediator should contact Susan E. Fisher at 410-638-4807. A volunteer application can be downloaded at

http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/community/doc/573.pdf.

The following is a list of the dates and times of the training:

June 2014

 Saturday, June 7
 9:00am-5:00pm

 Sunday, June 8
 9:00am-5:30pm

 Monday, June 9
 9:00am-5:30pm

Friday, June 27 9:00am-5:30pm Saturday, June 28 9:00am-5:30pm Sunday, June 29 9:00am-5:00pm

The Harford County Community Mediation Program (HCCMP) offers citizens of Harford County free mediation services. The program provides a voluntary, confidential and neutral process to resolve conflicts. Referrals come from citizens, schools, outreach groups and the State's Attorney office. Types of conflicts that can be resolved through the mediation process include: disputes between neighbors, families, friends, businesses and consumers.

The Community Mediation Program is a part of the Harford County Department of Community Services. For more information, please contact 410-638-4807.

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